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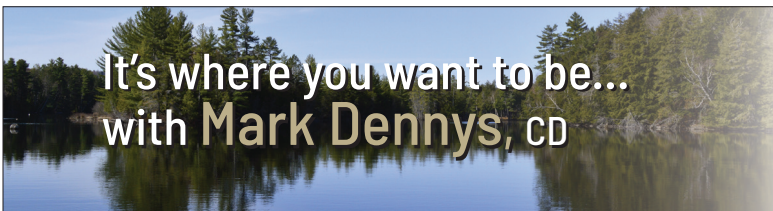
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The Julian Taylor Band came to town on Feb. 9, and music lovers responded, packing the Haliburton Legion to capacity with a full crowd on and off the dance floor. More on page 2./SUE TIFFIN Staff

Highland Wood roof leak leads to evacuation, resident relocation

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Shirley Howe's mom was one of the last to leave Highland Wood long-term care facility in Haliburton, taking the belongings from her room for the relocation to Lindsay.

All Highland Wood residents – 28 people in total – have been evacuated from the building, after a thorough inspection of the building's leaky roof.

"The [staff] just seemed to know exactly what they were doing," said Howe of the evacuation. "I'm sure they must have little talks about this happening, emergencies happening, they're really good."

HHHS CEO Carolyn Plummer issued a press release on Wednesday, Feb. 6, stating that several residents were being relocated to other parts of the building and to neighbouring long-term care facilities while staff finds temporary fixes. On Thursday, Feb. 7, an updated press release said the situation had changed.

"Later that day [following the original press release], outside experts assisted our maintenance staff with a detailed inspection of the roof and the decision has now been made to relocate all Highland Wood residents until further notice," said Plummer in the Feb. 7 statement.

"To me they seemed very organized and everything seemed to go off well so they did a good job," said Howe of her mom's unexpected move from her home of five months. Originally, Howe had hoped her mom could be close to her

at Hyland Crest, but room at Highland Wood opened first, and with her sister in Haliburton, the scenario was working.

Howe said the damage from the leaks was visible.

"It looked like a mess. Of course we couldn't go where the water had come through but I could see through the window where the tiles were all down from the ceiling and everything. It was a mess." The roof on Highland Wood has been in

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place for 19 years, and was due for repair when it began leaking.

"The leaks have been extensive, in multiple areas including hallways and resident rooms," said Plummer. "Our maintenance team has been working around the clock to divert water off the roof and to monitor leaks inside the building as the ice melts and as the rain falls."

According to both press releases, HHHS is working with the Central East Local Health Integration Network and the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care to relocate the residents "as quickly as possible while continuing to provide safe, quality care."

Plummer told the *Echo* that all relocations occurred within the northeast part of the Central East LHIN but could not give further details due to reasons of confidentiality. Several residents have been transferred to Hyland Crest, according to Plummer, so she said staff will need to be relocated there as well.

"All of our staff at Highland Wood and across the organization have been doing an incredible job throughout this crisis," she said. "They acted quickly and efficiently to ensure residents were kept safe and continued to receive top quality care. It has been challenging, though, to see our residents have to leave their home. Our staff care very much about our residents – they are almost like family, so it was very sad to see our residents go, even though it is temporary."

"It certainly was a shame and you hate to disrupt them when they're not well," said Howe. "Mother was sure I was going with her, to stay with her, and I said, 'oh no, Mother, I can't do that.'"

Plummer would not comment on when residents would return to Highland Wood or what plan was in place for roof repair.

"It is too soon to know how long the relocation will last, however we will do everything we can to get Highland Wood back in operation as quickly as possible," she said. "It is too early to know the plan for the roof at this point."

Howe said she wasn't sure how long her mom would be relocated in Lindsay.

"She had to take essentials with her but they have no idea how long they're going to be gone," she said. "Her clothes had to be packed up and all of that, because the rooms might be a mess when they start putting in the new ceilings and roof and everything ... They said it could be a couple of weeks and if you think of putting a new

roof on a house, this is much bigger than a house."

Family members of residents have been contacted. Some reached out to the *Echo* concerned and frustrated about the situation but were not willing to go on record.

"We are also working with the families of all of our residents to ensure that their loved ones are relocated into facilities that will provide the same comfortable home environment that they experienced at Highland Wood," said Plummer through the Feb. 7 release.

To the *Echo*, she said, "During the time that we had to temporarily relocate some residents to other parts of the facility, the residents and their families were very understanding, as they recognized the challenging situation we were facing. It was difficult when we had to make the decision to relocate the residents to other facilities; it's never easy to leave one's home in a crisis situation, and this was no different. Although everyone understands that the safety of our residents is our top priority, and they understand why we needed to make this decision, it was still difficult to leave familiar surroundings and the staff who know them so well."

Plummer's Feb. 6 statement said the roof is scheduled to be replaced this spring, and the current leaks came from melting ice and snow that had built up.

"The Ministry and Central East LHIN have been working closely with [HHHS] throughout this situation, and will continue to work with us through the coming days and weeks," said Plummer. "They facilitated the process to help find other facilities where we could send our residents and they have been helping to support us through this."

She thanked local staff for "the non-stop work they have been doing and continue to do to keep our residents safe." Staff from other departments as well as volunteers, HHHS Foundation staff, and community members have also offered their support. "We have had a tremendous outpouring of support from our community," she said.

Howe acknowledged it will be difficult for some family members to manage visits.

"I guess it would be hard," she said. "They have to realize it didn't happen on purpose, that's for sure."

She has three siblings who will visit her mom in Lindsay as they did in Haliburton.

"As long as one of us goes, she'll be happy," said Howe.

A third press release from HHHS expected to be issued Monday did not arrive by deadline

Man arrested after fleeing RIDE program

On Feb. 4, at 8:30 p.m. officers from the Haliburton Highlands detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police were conducting a RIDE program on Highway 35 in the Township of Minden Hills.

Officers approached a pickup truck towing a snowmobile trailer as it entered the RIDE program. The officers observed a Highway Traffic Act offence and requested the driver pull over to the shoulder. The vehicle fled the location and collided with a guardrail and a tree a short distance away. The driver, a 34-year-old man from Kitchener, fled on foot injuring himself.

He was arrested and transported to hospital. Further investigation revealed that the snowmobile trailer and two snowmobiles inside were stolen from a local residence. The investigation also revealed a third snowmobile in the back of the pickup truck was stolen from Drumbo two days prior.

The man was charged with many offences including fleeing a peace officer, driving with no licence, using unauthorized plates, driving with cannabis, no red light on the rear of a trailer, possession of property obtained by crime both over \$5,000 and under \$5,000.

He was held for a bail hearing on Monday, Feb. 4, in Lindsay.

Bobcaygeon woman charged with impaired driving

On Feb. 2 at 3 p.m. an officer of the Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police was on patrol when they observed a single motor vehicle in the ditch on County Road 121, in the Township of Minden Hills.

On arrival at the scene, the officer initiated an investigation and determined that the driver had been consuming alcohol. As a result, a 51-year-old woman from Bobcaygeon was arrested and charged with operating a vehicle while impaired.

She is scheduled to appear in the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on March 6.



Julian Taylor band brings in crowds

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Examining the doctor shortage in the Highlands

JENN WATT

Editor

Six doctors at minimum – four in Haliburton and two in Kinmount – are needed in order to meet the needs of the population.

In January, county council discussed hiring a physician recruiter to address a longstanding need, which has left many people without a family doctor or with fewer choices in the health care.

At the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team, new doctors coming in have replaced those retiring, but the wait list still includes 1,000 names.

Five years ago, the family health team increased its roster by 1,200 patients, executive director Kimberley Robinson told the *Echo* in an email.

"We have maintained that roster, but lost eight providers in the interim. Our four newest physicians: Dr. Thomas, Dr. Suke, Dr. Gilmour, and Dr. Tilbrook, took over the practices of retiring physicians Dr. Wu, Dr. Heyes, and Dr. Varty so we have not been able to roster a significant number of new patients," she said. "Dr. Ferracuti, Dr. Beattie, Dr. Dawson, Dr. Cossons, and NP Sue Robinson were not replaced. We do roster a few patients per month, but are still taking names from the wait list from 2016."

Ten physicians are part of the family health team. One works exclusively in Minden with another four and other health professionals visiting Minden twice a month to see patients there.

Robinson said four more physicians in Haliburton would come closer to meeting the needs of the population and would also satisfy the need for emergency department doctors at the Haliburton ER.

The situation at the emergency department has been serious for a while.

At the last Haliburton Highlands Health Services board meeting, chief of staff Dr. Kristy Gammon said by the end of May, there would be only two full-time equivalent physicians in an ER that would usually need five or six.

"Reliance on Health Force Ontario emergency department locum program is not an ideal long-term, but necessary ongoing short-term solution to our staffing here in Haliburton. Recruitment efforts haven't been successful to date, but we continue to work with our regional partners, the county and Health Force Ontario on this crucial issue," she said.

Health Force Ontario provides locums to the Haliburton ER, but isn't considered ideal because it's more expensive and doesn't offer staffing stability.

For many county residents, their family doctor is based at the Kinmount District Health Centre, where Dr. Elena Mihi and Dr. Susan Gleeson see patients.

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Little towns are in tough spots, so fighting to make sure that we have the services to continue to make them viable places is very important.

— Alan Howard
Kinmount District
Health Services Foundation

Recently, Dr. Gleeson announced that she would be retiring on April 11, 2019.

While Dr. Mihi has committed to take on Dr. Gleeson's patients until a new doctor is found, Alan Howard of the Kinmount District Health Services Foundation said it puts pressure on a single doctor.

"Dr. Mihi has said that she'll step into the breach for the time being, which of course is great for the people, but is a massive undertaking for Dr. Mihi," he said in an interview.

Dr. Mihi has been with the Kinmount health centre for 20 years and will be taking on an additional 700 patients from Dr. Gleeson.

The facility can accommodate three doctors, and that's what Howard would ideally like to see. In the short-term, he's most concerned with finding a permanent doctor to take the patients Dr. Gleeson used to care for.

He said the foundation was currently considering whether to hire a recruitment agency.

"It's a significant financial undertaking to take on these individual services to do this recruitment, but we think that might be the appropriate step," he said.

The group has not yet made a decision, but is "actively investigating" it.

According to Howard, it could cost in the neighbourhood of \$20,000 just to find a physician between an engagement fee with the agency and a finder's fee, once a doctor agrees to come to Kinmount.

While there are incentive programs available through various municipalities, Howard said Kinmount's location – at the nexus of Peterborough County, City of Kawartha Lakes, and Haliburton County – has made it harder to decipher who should take the lead on recruitment.

"We're in an awkward position because we're not technically located in the City of Kawartha Lakes ... We're Trent

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We do roster a few patients per month, but are still taking names from the wait list from 2016.

— Kimberley Robinson
Haliburton Highlands
Family Health Team

Lakes, which is Peterborough County. If we were 30 yards to the west, we'd be in Kawartha Lakes ... We're in a bit of a no-man's land ... that we almost don't belong anywhere," he said.

He hopes that if Haliburton County does hire a recruiter, that he or she will work with the Kinmount District Health Services Foundation, since the health centre serves many Haliburton County residents and many who live in Kinmount use the Minden and Haliburton hospitals.

"We have a lot of Haliburton County patients and we use the Haliburton health services, the hospital in particular. We certainly are very much part of Haliburton. I would suggest we feel more connected with the Haliburton region than we do with the Peterborough [region] or City of Kawartha Lakes," he said.

It's not enough to have family doctors based in larger towns or cities; local doctors keep the population physically healthy and the community socially healthy, he said. Transportation to clinics outside the area is an issue for many, plus, having a health team supporting people in the village keeps people healthier.

"Little towns are in tough spots, so fighting to make sure that we have the services to continue to make them viable places is very important," he said.

Tory Hill resident Richard Ayotte knows first-hand how difficult it can be to find a family doctor close to home.

He moved to the Highlands from Milton in 1990 and kept his doctor, who works in Mississauga. Eventually, that doctor told Ayotte he was cutting down the size of his practice, and Ayotte would need to find someone new.

He searched on his own for a doctor, inquiring with the Dorset clinic, but he said he was told he lived too far away to be considered.

Then he signed up with Health Care Connect and was placed with a doctor in Fenelon Falls. The drive takes him about

an hour and 15 minutes.

Ayotte has had several medical issues in the last year, including surgery, and he said he needs to go to his doctor in Fenelon Falls for medication.

To cut down on driving time, he goes to Bancroft's walk-in clinic when he can, but they cannot prescribe everything he needs.

"It's closer and it's fast," he said. "I drive into Bancroft and it takes me 40 minutes. If you get it timed right in the afternoon, you might wait 15 or 20 minutes and you're in."

But he can't always go to Bancroft.

He said he's inquired with Health Care Connect about finding a doctor closer to his home, but the process would put him in a precarious position.

"The Health Care Connect, I called them and told them about the doctor we have now. She said the only thing you can do is sign off with her completely and then we'll put you back on the list to look for a new doctor," he said. "And I said, 'what do I do in between for my medication and stuff? [She said,] 'Well, you'll have to work it out.' Which makes no sense."

Ayotte said his preference would be to have a doctor in Haliburton and wishes the government would put more of their resources in building up smaller health centres, rather than focusing on the large ones.

Both Kimberley Robinson in Haliburton and Alan Howard in Kinmount say their facilities and the surroundings have much to offer a doctor who decides to move to the Highlands.

A full complement of patients is available in facilities that are ready to go.

Robinson highlighted the benefits of living in the area and the incentives available for someone coming to work with the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team.

"The Highlands are an amazing place to raise a family with a plethora of activities to keep everyone happily busy," Robinson said. "There are countless trails for use year round, beautiful waterfront, great food, proximity to larger centres and a strong medical community. There are a number of financial incentives for new physicians moving to the area including a return of service grant (local initiative through the county of Haliburton), northern and rural recruitment and retention initiative (MOHLTC), and income stabilization (MOHLTC), to name a few."

She said the clinic is turnkey with a staff of nurses and administrative support and no equipment to purchase.

Haliburton County is in the midst of budget talks, during which they will consider whether to hire a recruiter.

Broken Haliburton library window mischief results in arrest

A window of the Dysart branch of the Haliburton County Public Library was smashed during the early morning hours of Sunday, Feb. 3.

According to Constable Amanda Gilbert, with the Haliburton Highlands Ontario Provincial Police, a witness reported observing the suspect smashing the window and fleeing on foot at about

6:55 a.m.

"Police located and arrested [the suspect] a short time later," said Gilbert. A 26-year-old Haliburton man was arrested at a nearby residence and charged with Mischief Under \$5,000. The suspect is scheduled to appear in court in Minden on April 3, 2019.

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CARP founder Bob Stinson ready to step back

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Bob Stinson has been the face of the local CARP chapter as its president since he started it with Dani Stahl in 2012. His optimism and vision were cornerstones for starting chapter 54, representing members in Haliburton County and surrounding area. CARP is a national advocacy group serving the needs of people age 50 or older.

At 85, it was time for the president of chapter 54 to step down and reduce his duties, making way for a new method of leadership, which could be a model for other CARP chapters across Canada to emulate.

Instead of replacing Stinson with another president, the chapter has decided to divide the presidential duties up and lead by committee. Each monthly meeting will be headed by a different member, who will act as president to determine things such as the meeting's agenda. This has never been done before within CARP and could be used as a model for other chapters with similar concerns related to aging board members.

Setting an example for other chapters is an important step, Stinson said.

"It means a lot if the fact that it will help keep the chapters working together. When we started there were over 50 chapters and we were chapter 54 so there were a few chapters ahead of us," he said.

Among the challenges he faces at his age are changes with his vision. It's posed an issue reading. He shows a book with larger print, and said he can no longer read the newspaper.

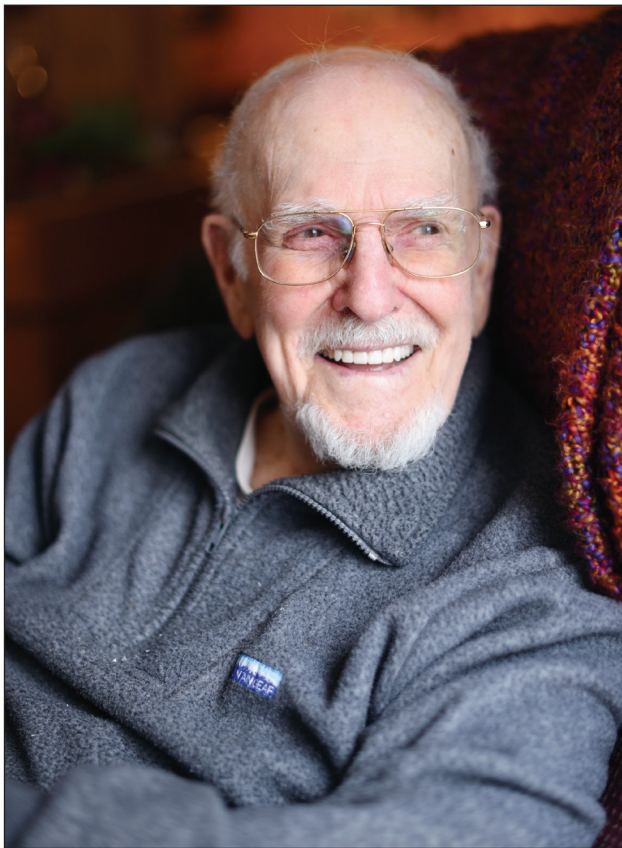
The chapter's vice-president Neil Whent is unable to take over.

The national office, he said, provides the local chapter with money from the royalties earned by the shared revenue of membership dues.

Much of the success for the chapter, he said, is owed to this financial and collaborative support by CARP and to dedicated people such as founding members Peter Minaki, who was also vice-president, and Frank Thom.

Both have since passed, but their legacy lives on with the local chapter, which has grown since it launched with more than 200 members close to seven years ago. Now there are more than 700, which includes people in Bancroft and Cobocok. CARP has 300,000 members across Canada.

This compares favourably to the other 25 chapters across Canada, representing regions in Alberta, New-



CARP chapter 54 founder Bob Stinson has stepped down as president. Stinson will continue with the chapter as a community liaison for the chapter's board. The chapter will not have a president, but will be led by committee and is the first CARP chapters to do so, which may be a model for other chapters to follow. /DARREN LUM Staff

foundland, British Columbia, Nova Scotia, Saskatchewan, and Ontario. Stinson said there are really 16 chapters that are active.

Stinson said the past two years CARP has been clearer about expectations of chapters.

He said CARP wants all the chapters to be active and engaged with its communities, working on efforts to advocate for seniors and not just exist in name.

Stinson said the chapter provides members with updates about what is happening at the local and national level with its online newsletter.

Among the highlights of his presidency, he said, was getting Moses Znaimer to come up to the Highlands for the annual general meeting to be a guest speaker several years ago.

Haliburton County has one of the highest per capita senior populations in Canada, he said.

According to the Canadian Census 2016, the county has more than double the percentage of seniors aged 65 and over compared to the province.

"We've got an organization whose purpose is to advocate on behalf of seniors. We try to push for things that we think are valuable to seniors ... We try to bring information to meetings that will be ... good information," he said.

To Stinson, it just made sense to establish a chapter here.

Before he started the local CARP chapter, Stinson suffered from a stroke.

During his recovery his wife, who was concerned with his mental faculties, told him to get involved in the community, specifically with the Aging Well Committee of Haliburton County.

He was frustrated with the fact there wasn't a mailing list or another method to contact people. So, Stinson learned about how having a local CARP chapter could resolve this issue while looking at an issue of *Zoomer Magazine*. The magazine is published nine times a year for CARP members.

He asked the committee if they would be open to getting turned into a CARP chapter. They didn't agree and encouraged him to start the local chapter.

When he moved forward with the idea CARP didn't believe the Highlands could sustain a chapter.

There were references to how the Highlands doesn't really have much of any large centres of concentrated population. He remembers Anthony Quinn, director, community development, at CARP, telling him, "I don't see how it will work."

"That's exactly why it's got to work," he told him. "These people are isolated. They're so far apart ... they can't go to a community centre and so on. It's not easy, but it's necessary. They really need it," he said. "Because we're weird."

A year after the chapter's launch Stinson was redeemed when he accepted a CARP award in Toronto for having the fastest growing chapter in Canada.

CARP's website states that it is active in its advocacy efforts, partnering with stakeholders to make senior lives better. This includes the FADOQ in Quebec and the International Federation on Aging. They partner with major research centres such as National Initiative for Care of the Elderly and the CIHR Institute of Aging and Age-well.

CARP also called for an inquiry into the safety and staffing in long-term care homes, following the conviction of nurse Elizabeth Wettlaufer on eight counts of first degree murder. As of March 1, 2018, door-to-door sales are banned in Ontario after the Etobicoke chapter worked with their local MPP. Back in 2017, CARP declared victory when Ontario agreed to offer free high-dose influenza vaccine for adults older than 65. The vaccine offer started in the fall of 2018.

Besides what CARP does on a national level, the local chapter has been active.

It works with the Aging Well Committee. It offers information sessions, featuring guest speakers such as Dr. Norm Bottum, who led a talk about cannabis. This particular talk was timely given just before the legalization of the drug in Canada. The chapter is moving toward opening up a technology education session similar to Cyber Seniors.

Several months ago the chapter was invited by Haliburton Highlands Secondary School teacher Phil Dulong to learn from his students how to use mobile phones, tablets and laptops.

Affordable housing for seniors is an issue here. The local chapter has been encouraging seniors to see alternatives such as the co-shared living concept being offered by Solterra, which has a site located on Hilltop Road.

There is a common misconception about CARP that it is only for seniors, Stinson said.

The organization is open to people of all ages. Before his daughter moved to North Bay, she was an active member serving on the board with him.

Before she joined, he challenged her: "If you're concerned with about what's happening with your mother and I you should be on CARP because that's what we're working for. There is a reason for young people to be involved. They're not usually, but they should be," he said.

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Haliburton BIA honours founding member

JENN WATT

Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Haliburton Business Improvement Area annual general meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 5 at Dysart et al council chambers.

One of the “founding fathers” of the BIA was honoured at the meeting as this year’s BIA VIP.

Andy Glecoff, of V&S Department Store in Haliburton, was surprised to be given the second annual award.

He was credited for his work on improving the appearance of the downtown, particularly through the façade project and in advocating to have hydro lines buried on the main street.

“Also, way back 12 or 15 years ago, this gentleman looked into getting the darn hydro lines buried underground,” said BIA chairman Luke Schell. “... It was so expensive that we obviously couldn’t afford to do it. ... Then when the opportunity came along and Hydro [One] came along and said ‘we’re going to put these giant poles up or we’re going to put your lines underground, which one do you want?’ We already had been a bit educated about that because of this gentleman. He was a large factor in that part of our downtown improvement. That was a massive one.”

Schell said that Glecoff still attends meetings, adding his wisdom and sense of humour. He praised his “work, work, work ethic” and thanked him for his many years of commitment to Haliburton.

As he accepted the award, Glecoff named a few more accomplishments from the early days of the BIA, including downtown benches, garbage bins, road signs on each corner with logos from the merchants who paid for them.

He said it wasn’t just him, but the whole community that worked toward the positive changes.

“We had a lot of fun. We had a lot of fun doing all of that,” he said.

Year’s projects

Luke Schell reviewed the successes of the past year. They included Midnight Madness (run by the *Haliburton Echo* with support from the BIA), street decorations, Colourfest, Santa Claus Parade (run by the Lions Club and sponsored by BIA), Ladies Shopping Night, the downtown sculpture project and new street banners by artist Susan Hay.

The sculpture project is a collaboration between the BIA and the Haliburton Sculpture Forest, with between five and six sculptures to be installed in May and taken out in October. BIA member Dale Walker asked whether more sculptures could be added to the main street.

Schell said it was an affordability issue. The BIA has budgeted \$4,500 this year for the project.

Update from the mayor

Newly elected mayor, Andrea Roberts gave an address to the BIA and said she could relate to many of the issues facing small business as a former business owner herself. She also was a member of the BIA committee when she held the councillor’s seat.

She said council was going into budget deliberations beginning on Feb. 14.

“Some of the challenges that we have facing us are fairly obvious ... asset management, the rising costs of equipment and the rising costs of construction, road construction. We just had a truck tender go out and it came in at \$30,000 more than anticipated [because of the] U.S. dollar and the price of steel. We have to be anticipating that,” she said.

Climate change will also require more planning. “It’s here and we have to be planning for it,” she said.

She highlighted new development planned for town, including a retirement facility proposed for Sunny-side Street and the new Home Hardware underway on County Road 21.

On June 7, Haliburton will be the host of a Teeny Tiny Summit, a one-day economic development conference at Medeba. “It’s called Big Ideas Come From Small Places and our subtheme is Unlocking the Potential of Youth,” Roberts said.

“It’s all about engaging the youth and ... what municipalities, staff and councillors can do to create an atmosphere where youth want to stay,” she said.

Wooden stair replacement

Mayor Andrea Roberts told the group that this winter the wooden stairs leading from the Head Lake parking lot up to Highland Street were closed due to disrepair.

“They have to be replaced. They’re cordoned off for



Andy Glecoff, right, accepts the Downtown Haliburton BIA VIP award from Luke Schell at the annual general meeting in Dysart council chambers Tuesday, Feb. 5. Inscribed on the plaque: “Awarded to Mr. Andy Glecoff for his outstanding contribution to the growth and vibrancy of downtown Haliburton.” /JENN WATT Staff

the winter,” she said.

The municipality’s budget would allow the stairs to be replaced at half the width, but she said there was another option that council would be considering.

“To close them off entirely and build a cement proper raised sidewalk that goes down to the town dock ... you’d either come around from the caboose, or you’d come from where the town lot is down across from Baked and Battered and walk up a dedicated sidewalk,” she said.

She told the BIA to think about those options and weigh in if they had input.

Update from deputy mayor

Patrick Kennedy, deputy mayor, said he wanted to look at what climate change is doing to streets and roads. He said Dysart et al staff had informed him that they were low on road sand, which is exceedingly rare.

“So we’re going to have to be investing a substantial amount of money in raising our winter sand stocks,” he said.

Dysart uses very little salt on roads, he said, although Haliburton County does use it for the roads it takes care of.

“Lots of confusion out there about who’s using what,” Kennedy said, adding that when temperatures have been

-30C, the sand won’t stick to roads.

Some tricky intersections in town presented a puzzle for roads crews, he said, joking that the corner of Highland and Cedar might need heated streets.

“It’s a challenge ... we all hear the complaints,” he said.

He mentioned several other initiatives, including a proposed investment in docks, the rental of paddleboards at Head Lake and improvements in the park.

Infrastructure grants have come in for mats that go to the waterfront for people with baby carriages or those using mobility devices to allow them access to the water.

“As more people come [with] more expectations, the more we need to do,” he said, pledging his help and support for the BIA.

Window decorations winners

Plaques were given out to businesses for their window decorating. Think Spring: First – JanKnit’s Studio and Sewing Centre; second – Bank of Montreal; third – Walkers Home Hardware

Canada Day: First – The Kosy Korner; second – Lockside Trading Company; third – BMO

Colourfest: First – The Maple Tap & Grill; second – JanKnit’s Studio and Sewing Centre; third – Dawson Gray Accounting

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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

Defining the problem

ANYONE WHO HAS moved up to Haliburton in a hurry will tell you it's hard to find somewhere to live. When I first took a job as a reporter at the *Minden Times* in 2007, I scrambled to find a place close to work on a limited budget.

I had heard many times that living in the city was much more expensive than living in the country and I was coming from one of the most expensive cities in the province, Toronto, where I was working after graduating from university.

It was a difficult transition.

Rental accommodations were few and frequently seasonal, meaning I could take the unit from October to May, but would need to move out during summer months.

And rental prices were comparable to Toronto. (However, whereas in Toronto I would pay \$100 a month for a Metropass to ride anywhere in the city, to live in the Highlands I had to buy a car and pay monthly insurance, well surpassing that amount.)

Without the financial backing of family, I would have been hard-pressed to endure any kind of emergency and continue paying rent. And without social networks to access locally, would have found it difficult to crash on someone's couch for a month – one of the types of “hidden homelessness” found in rural places.

As affordable housing advocate Fay Martin points out in this week's paper, many people find themselves in precarious housing situations for a host of reasons.

It could be due to a loss of income

after an illness or layoffs; it could be needing the money to move out when a relationship goes south.

Official homelessness figures are hard to nail down. The homelessness system resource co-ordinator for the region said there are 13 households known to be experiencing homelessness in Haliburton County, which could mean anything from couch-surfing to sleeping outside. Since 2016, 57 households in the county have been homeless. Some of those people have moved away and others have found housing.

Addressing the problem needs to be a multi-faceted approach and isn't only about creating more housing – though that is a good first step.

What Martin describes is a situation more complex; it's a matter of providing better supports and more financial security in addition to having housing available. Those at risk of homelessness are those living

paycheque to paycheque – a reality for many.

Reducing the risk of homelessness is just as much about making people financially secure as it is about providing the physical dwellings.

Keep an eye out for more articles this month addressing issues of homelessness in Haliburton County.

Martin is raising awareness about homelessness in Haliburton County through an information campaign in the media culminating in an overnight sleepover on March 1. Participants will be collecting sleeping in their cars, demonstrating for one night what some have to go through when they find themselves without a home.



jenn watt

Editorial



Redwing Frond in winter

by Darren Lum

Non-spring cleaning

THE WIND HOWLED, swooping down on the little house like a wild animal, snarling and lashing its body against the windows and doors. Safe inside, Anna threw another log on the fire and wondered how to spend her day. It was too extreme to go anywhere on foot or wheel. But this was the second day in a row the winter weather was forcing her to stay indoors and she was not happy about it. Feeling a bit like a prisoner to the elements, she decided she needed to be productive rather than captive.

The bookcase watched her, wondering if this was the day she finally gave it some attention. It had been accumulating items for years and not all of them books. Magazines, catalogues, bills paid and not yet, newspapers and the odd “important paper” that would one day be filed away and probably forgotten. Older volumes that were rarely touched sat neglected, dust from the wood stove having made a home there. The bookcase sighed.

Anna stood in the middle of the room, casting about for inspiration to fill her day. Then her eyes fell on the bookcase. A job long delayed was finally going to happen. She would empty the shelves, clean and sort the contents and re-arrange what should be there in an easy-to-find and attractive way. It was almost exciting. Almost.

For Anna was a procrastinator with household cleaning high on the list of not-now-maybe-later tasks. Spring was supposed to be the time for those but when that season arrived all she wanted to do was be outside in her gardens. Why stay indoors when you could be out digging in that fresh, life-affirming soil, she asked herself. But February was not spring and the ground was a granite slab of white. So no more excuses. The time to deal with the bookcase had arrived.

As she pulled each book off the shelf, she wiped it with a cloth and then considered whether to keep or recycle it. This was not as easy as she had thought. So many books came with memories. Here was the novel her son had given her the

first Christmas he had a full-time job. Then that reference book her past co-workers had gifted her when she moved away. And the self-help book that had inspired and set her on a whole new course.

However there were also books of fiction she knew she would never read again so they would be passed on to others. The three-year-old phone book and an ancient Sears catalogue need not stay either.

So slowly Anna worked her way through one shelf after another. Soon the living room was littered with tottering piles destined for different places. The thrift store, the sister, the landfill and of course, the don't-know-what-to-do-with piles.

Now the bookcase was looking very bare and forlorn. Maybe a coat of paint would give it a lift before packing it again with words and ideas, inspiration and know-how. Anna knew that if she painted it, then tomorrow would be the day to put it back together. But what if then the sun came out, the wind died down and the snow beckoned? Would she be tempted to put off finishing the job here inside? She looked around the now cluttered room and sighed. The bookcase held its breath.

Anna was already feeling proud of herself for having taken on the task and knew that while she might indeed be a procrastinator, once she started something she always saw it to completion. Paint it she would. Rummaging around the basement she found several paint cans and began to get excited over the possibility of a real transformation for her little library. And with the extra shelf space she knew would be there, perhaps an interesting art piece or antique could find a spot to show itself off. Picturing the possibilities was just the incentive she needed to keep her going.

Now to pick a paint colour. There was boring beige, peacock blue and fiesta red. Anna knew what she should choose. But instead she decided on fiesta red. The bookcase didn't know whether to laugh or cry.

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A beginner's guide to Valentine's Day

IT SEEMS ODD to me that, around here, we teach young men how to use chainsaws or what to do when they encounter a mother bear with cubs and yet no one ever tells them how to survive other equally perilous situations. Valentine's Day immediately comes to mind.

Lucky for them, I have survived 56 Valentine's Days and am willing to share what I have learned. So, young fellows, I would advise you to read this column carefully and perhaps even tape it somewhere where your special someone will never look such as in your hockey bag. Then, eventually, you might end up being a Valentine's expert too.

As I point out each year, Valentine's Day is the only holiday named after a bona fide massacre. This should provide some indication of why you need to get it right.

It starts with meticulous planning so that you are ready for that special day which is on the 14th or perhaps 15th, if I am not mistaken.

For the purposes of instruction, I will run you through my own Valentine's Day plan, hereby known as Valentine's Day VII, The Reckoning.

(Pro Tip #1: Use a Hollywood-like movie title to convey excitement, which is one of the main things women are looking for in Valentine's Day festivities.)

The second thing they love is a romantic destination.

In this case, we were lucky because Valentine's Day, which I just confirmed falls on the 14th, also happens to be on the same night as the February meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Fly Fishing Club. Talk about a stroke of good fortune!

There are two ways a romantic person could utilize this. First, he could take his beloved to the meeting and watch as trembling hands attempt to tie a black-nosed dace – which belong to the other fellows who brought their spouses here.

The second way, which is probably more advisable from a health and safety standpoint, is to tell her in advance that this is your plan and then back out of it on Valentine's Day. (Pro tip #2: Start from a place of lowered expectations.)

Trust me; she'll love you for it.

See what I've done here. With no expense or effort, I could conceivably make Jenn the happiest woman in the world at that moment – which is what Valentine's Day is all about.

After that, I will cinch the deal with a romantic card, preferably something with a skunk on it. For skunks, as Pepe Le Pew has taught us, are the universal symbol of romantic love.

I prefer cards with meaningful messages like, "I scent this to you! Be my Valentine," but, if you'd rather dial down the romance a little, try "Hi Sweetie, Be my Valentine (If you don't you're a stinker)."

Either of these is more than enough to bring what I assume are sentimental tears to the eyes of most women. If that doesn't quite do it, don't rule out judicious use of the skunk cover scent you bought during deer season. (Pro tip #3: You can never go wrong wearing cologne.)

Then add chocolate, flowers and a foot rub. (Pro tip #4: Wash your feet first) and you will have made a memorable Valentine's effort.

Better yet, if you do all this early enough in the day, she might encourage you to go to the meeting too.



steve galea

Loon Tales



pic of the past

This week's Pic of the Past was taken some time between 1948 and 1950. Fred Jones is at the head of the table. To his left: Anna Jones, Harold Proctor, Leo Proctor, Harold Black at the other end. To his right: Jean Dart, Russell Dart and Olga Black. The Joneses owned Drag Lake Lodge, the Proctors owned Glen Eagle Lodge and Russell Dart and Harold Black owned the Darlack store on the main street. Our thanks to Pat (Dart) Smyth, daughter of Russell and Jean Dart, for sending in this photo.

letters to the editor

Staff shines under pressure

To the Editor,

Most of us have moved at least once or twice in our lives. No matter the circumstances, I think most will agree it is a very stressful time.

Yesterday I was at Highland Wood while "moving day" unfolded around me. Circumstances called for the residents to be moved out of Highland Wood until the proper repairs/replacement can be made to the roof. As you can imagine, there was a lot of activity and noise as preparations were made and carried out to ensure the safe transportation of all residents.

I would like to share what I witnessed during those few hours. The residents I spoke to were, of course, unsettled and worried about their imminent move to parts unknown. They fretted about some of their personal belongings, medical equipment and even their health card possibly being left behind. They were concerned that their family or friends would not know that they were being moved. They worried about when they might return to their home at Highland Wood.

In the midst of the organized chaos, I also witnessed some of the finest professional medical

care I have ever seen. I was moved to hear and to watch as staff responded to the residents with respect, compassion, gentleness, reassurance, and always a smile. They calmed them and comforted them and reassured them they would return to Highland Wood as quickly as possible. They even made sure everyone had a good nourishing lunch before they were moved. It seemed nobody was too busy to respond to even the smallest request or concern.

I cannot say enough about Dr. Tina Stephenson, the nurses, the managers, the kitchen workers and servers, the maintenance guys, all the staff from other areas of the hospital who pitched in to help pack up the residents' belongings, the people in charge of transporting the residents to their new temporary home, and everyone else who assisted in any way in this daunting task. This all took place under the watchful eye of CEO and President, Carolyn Plummer. I am guessing this was one of her most stress filled

see EMOTIONAL page 10

BOONIEVILLE





SIRCH Community Services food initiatives co-ordinator Jay McIvor serves up saag mung dahl at the Lunch is on Us event at SIRCH Central, located at 2 Victoria Street in Haliburton. Lunch is on Us provides the public an opportunity for a warm meal for no cost, including a chance to socialize from 11 to 2 p.m. every Thursday for the rest of February. /DARREN LUM Staff

SIRCH offers free lunch in February

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Yes, there is such a thing as a free lunch.

SIRCH Community Services is inviting the public to its Lunch is on Us offering every Thursday this month.

Held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at SIRCH Central, located at 2 Victoria St., in Haliburton, SIRCH invites people to dine in or take out to warm their bellies and their souls.

Angelica Ingram of SIRCH said the idea came from executive director Gena Robertson, who thought the challenges that come up in February – shovelling snow, cold weather and added expenses – makes it an ideal month to provide something for the community.

“Recognizing that others may be feeling the same way, SIRCH decided to do something to make February a little more fun, a bit less isolating, and just make life a little lighter for people during the dreaded February,” Robertson wrote in a blog post on the SIRCH website.

She finishes her post by saying, “Bring some friends or make new ones. Eat in or take food home. Everyone is welcome. There’s no charge and (even better) no dishes! Help us change February’s reputation!”

Ingram said the success of this event will be determined by public feedback.

“Even if we have five people who say, ‘This really made a difference in my day.’ One of the first people that came in for lunch said, ‘I really appreciate this.’ He was taking a lunch out for him and his wife ... it seemed to brighten up his day. And that’s all we need is just to hear from people that it makes a difference in their day and in their month,” she said.

Donations will be accepted, but are not required, she adds.

On the first day the menu included a wide range of items for the meat lover to the veggie lover.

There were wings and rice, pulled pork on a kaiser sandwich and soup, and a vegan dish, saag mung dahl served with jasmine rice.

Cooking up the food was SIRCH’s food initiatives co-ordinator Jay McIvor, who said the upcoming dates (Feb. 14, 21 and 28) will likely offer a similar range to appeal to more people.

He said this event was made possible by Community Kitchen funds and a private donation.

Anje Hilkers of Carnarvon, who has come to SIRCH’s food events before, dropped in on the first day when she saw the sign in town.

As several people came through the door, Hilkers received her order of soup for her husband and the saag mung dahl, for herself.

She said, “I love it. I think it’s so nice and to see people here.”

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— Angelica Ingram
SIRCH Community Services

Frost Festival 2019

Saturday,
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11 am to 3 pm

Frost Festival

Saturday, February 16, 2019 - Head Lake Park 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

- Waffle Wagon - food stop (11 am - 3 pm)
- Climb the Ice Tower with Base Camp 35 ages 12+ (11 am - 3 pm)
- Snowshoe Games with YMCA Wanakita (11 am - 3 pm)
- S'mores over the Fire with the Haliburton Highlands Museum (11 am - 3 pm)
- Compass Early Learning and Care - sensory painting and activities (11 am - 3 pm)
- Haliburton County Snowmobile Association - meet the groomer (11 am - 3 pm)
- Horse Drawn Wagon Rides with Irvin Holland sponsored by the Haliburton BIA (11 am - 3 pm)
- Outdoor play area created by the Right Brained Mom (11 am - 3 pm)
- Ice fishing on Head Lake with volunteers from the HHOA (1:00 pm - 3 pm)
- Skating on the outdoor rink beside the library (11 am - 3 pm)
- Helluvahut Makeover Reveal - ACM Designs and Partners (11 am - 3 pm)
- Ride a pony with South Algonquin Trails sponsored by the Rotary Club of Haliburton (11 am - 1 pm)
- Broomball and Hot Chocolate with Youth Unlimited (11 am - 1 pm)
- Lions Club Polar Bear Challenge (1:00 pm until finished)
- Paddling Puppeteer - 2 shows at the library (11:30 am and 2 pm)
- Kids soapstone carving with the paddling puppeteer (12:30 - 1:30 pm)
- Create snowflake suncatchers using 3D pens at the library ages 6+ (3 - 4 pm)
- Kids Dogsladding with Winterdance (1:30 - 3:30 pm)
- Lasagna dinner at Haliburton United Church (4 & 6 pm)

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Emotional event handled well

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Judy Skinner

Savage returns to court this June

SUE TIFFIN
Staff Reporter

William Savage's next court date is set for June.

The hearing for the Fenelon Falls man charged with the murder of David Palmer, a Bowmanville resident whose remains were found in the Haliburton area in 2015, will be held June 26 at 9:30 a.m. in Peterborough, according to Brian Gray, spokesperson for the Ministry of the Attorney General.

Savage was charged with first-degree murder on Oct. 26, 2016, in connection with the death of Palmer, a 47-year-old man whose remains were found in May 2015.

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Haliburton's Dan Manley, owner of Russell Red Records, sells new and used records as well as turntables and speakers. His business is mostly conducted online, but from Feb. 15-17 he will be selling his products at a pop up shop. /Photo submitted by Dan Manley

Vintage pop up shop to offer trip down memory lane

JENN WATT

Editor

As a teenager in the '90s, Dan Manley was more interested in expanding his CD collection than spinning vinyl records. At the time, he didn't understand the fascination.

But he was always in love with music, and the endorphin hit you get when you find a hidden gem in the music store.

Manley said it wasn't until he helped with vinyl night at Pinestone Resort that he had a chance to witness just how good records could sound.

After that, he was hooked.

Manley, who owns new business Russell Red Records, is now selling new and quality used records as well as turntables and other equipment.

Along with Heidi Hudspith of Mixtape Vintage, he will be selling records and equipment in Haliburton Friday, Feb. 15 to Sunday, Feb. 17.

"For people who are vinyl curious and want to figure out what this is and get their feet wet, I sell Crosley turntables; all-in-one suitcase turntable with speakers included. They rate well and it's an entry level kind of thing," he said.

Russell Red Records offers a range of equipment at various price points as well as an ever-growing collection of records.

Since opening his store online in October, Manley's taken note of the nostalgia records inspire. He posts images of his inventory on Instagram, and hears back from followers about the memories they trigger.

"It's really a rekindling of feelings with people," he said.

Manley has been careful to collect albums that span decades, from Ariana Grande and Maroon 5 to Loretta Lynn and Boston.

Vinyl is still a niche market, Manley said, but one that's steadily growing.

He attributes this in part to the experience of playing a record, which is more engaging than scrolling through an endless list of tracks on Apple Music.

"There seems to be some sort of resurgence of everything from Polaroid cam-

eras to typewriters," he said. "People want something to hold onto."

Many in the Highlands will know Manley through his other musical endeavors: music director of the Highlands Chamber Orchestra and a co-conductor of the Highlands Wind Symphony. He also plays tuba in a Toronto-based orchestra.

In the future, Manley said he would love to open a shop where people could browse, discovering new music and old favourites.

Manley recently connected with Heidi Hudspith, who had done a few pop up shops for her business, Mixtape Vintage.

Hudspith sells eye-catching items she finds while browsing thrift shops. In some cases, they might need to be cleaned up or repaired. Other times, they've just been overlooked. She stages them for photos and sells them through Instagram.

Like Russell Red Records, Mixtape Vintage also offers a dose of nostalgia. Her Instagram posts show macrame wall hangings, colourful drinking glasses, '80s women's purses, sweaters, snowsuits, even kids' games.

"I love it so much it doesn't honestly feel like work. I think it's partly because I love collecting so much. For me, it's a great way to share with people what I already love to do," Hudspith said.

She goes to thrift shops whenever she can during her travels around the province. She can also find items requested by customers: "that's always fun for me, to find what they're looking for."

Selling second hand items also satisfies her desire to reduce waste and embrace the things we already have.

"I feel like there's enough things in the world material wise and I always seem to find some great things that people are dropping off," she said.

For many people, thrift store shopping can be overwhelming; Hudspith said she sees her role as a sifter, finding the best things and presenting them to a new audience.

"It's so great to find pieces that are still obviously so well made and were well loved and have lots of life to give. They're still out there and floating around," she said.

The Vintage Pop Up Shop will be set up at 223 Highland Street in Haliburton, beside Home Hardware, on Friday, Feb. 15 from noon to 8 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 16 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sunday, Feb. 17 from noon to 4 p.m. Both Russell Red Records and Mixtape Vintage will be selling their wares and Manley will have turntables set up. He will be

gathering customer feedback through surveys with a draw for a special item.

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Unexpected events can lead to homelessness

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Staff Reporter

This article is the second in a series on homelessness in Haliburton County leading up to an awareness event to be held throughout the county on March 1.

Fay Martin gets phone calls each month from people experiencing homelessness in Haliburton County.

But how do people find themselves in such a position?

Though not necessarily something people talk about around the water cooler, in a society where more and more people are living paycheque to paycheque and carrying a heavy debt load, homelessness can easily occur, according to Martin, founder of non-profit housing organization Places for People.

"Particularly in a place like Haliburton County where paycheques aren't guaranteed, or how much is on it isn't guaranteed, that means that a really very large proportion of our population are in theory at risk of homelessness," she said. "We might not know that, because if they lose their house they move in with someone else – they move in with their parents, their kids, to somebody's cottage that they're not using, somebody's house if they've gone south. They find some place to slide, sort of."

A more generous definition of homelessness was defined with a revision in 2017 by the Canadian Observatory on

Homelessness, a non-profit, non-partisan research institute. It defines homelessness as falling into four categories: unsheltered (absolutely homeless, sleeping in cars or on streets), emergency sheltered (staying in overnight shelters, or shelters for people experiencing family violence), provisionally accommodated (people living in temporary accommodation, such as couchsurfing or housesurfing) and risk of homelessness (people who are not homeless, but whose housing situation is precarious or unsafe).

"Why have this more generous definition?" asked Martin. "A home is more than a roof over your head. A home is a place where you can be who you are and live. Like live your life. If it's freezing cold or you feel unsafe, it isn't a home. It's a roof overhead but it isn't a home. You cannot thrive."

Under this definition, Martin said any unexpected life event might find anyone at risk of homelessness of some sort.

"What happens if somebody gets sick?" she said. "Around here we know that if somebody has a serious accident, there's a GoFundMe page that gets set up, a bank account set up, because there's a recognition that most people don't have the resources to bridge that kind of traumatic situation. So they're at risk of homelessness. Very active risk of homelessness. Maybe because of money, but maybe also because the house they have is no longer appropriate for them to live in, like if someone has to [use] a wheelchair."

"If you start going to the people you

know, how many of them could in fact be tipped into homelessness with this more generous definition?" she asked.

News reports after the recent partial government shutdown in the United States showed that some federal workers faced potentially losing their house because of missed payments.

"So that's one way that people get into homelessness, that their income gets interrupted for whatever reason," said Martin. "It could be illness, could be the business goes out of business, it could be just their hours go down, could be that they've lost their car so they can't get to work because the transportation failed, any of those could within, really a month, could tip you into losing that roof over your head."

She lists scenarios she has heard of people in the county experiencing through her own social networks, or from those monthly phone calls seeking guidance. In some cases, people have come for a job in the area but haven't been able to find a place to live. For some, their rent payments can be made but the high cost of utilities leaves them in a precarious housing situation. Some have experienced a medical condition, and their house no longer works for them due to a disability or fragile health because the bathroom and bedroom or laundry room aren't all on the main floor requiring no use of stairs.

Others have had their marriage break up, and have needed to leave their home, while some have become widowed and can't manage their house on their own.

They aren't able to afford domestic help, and even those who are financially secure can't necessarily find it here.

When people in Haliburton County experience homelessness, or are on the brink of it, what resources can they access?

"Where do you go?" asked Martin. "It's not [always that] you don't have the money, it's there's no place to go to. And that is legitimately homelessness. That's one of the legitimate forms of homelessness, is insecurity. Where you can't count on having that roof. You can't relax and say, yes, I can get on with other things in my life, because this one's in place."

Those who find themselves suddenly without stable housing who need or want to stay in the area because their job or family are here often make do with temporary solutions, such as staying in motels.

"We don't have a shelter," said Martin. "If you want a shelter you have to go to Lindsay. We have a significant shortage of rental housing. Much of the rental housing we have is either under the radar, so in order to find it you need to have those social connections. Much of it is, the rent might be OK but the utilities will kill you. So you're in a tough spot. No question about that. No question about that."

The sleeping in cars event takes place overnight on Friday, March 1 to raise awareness of the homelessness issue. Visit www.placesforpeople.ca for more information.

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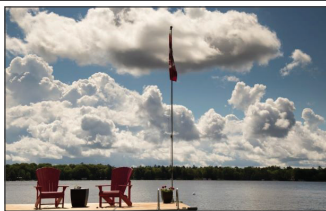
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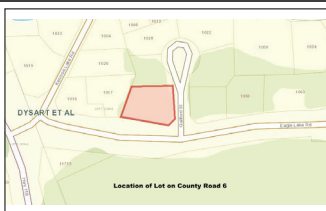
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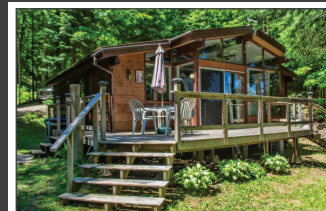
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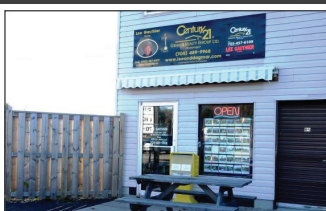
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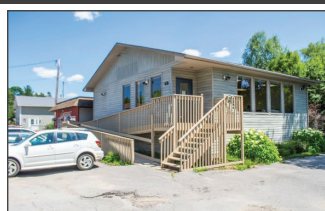
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The pop-up gallery event featured the work of four artists (Rod Prouse, Chris Hanson, Hendrika Sonnenberg and Victoria Ward) in three huts on one frozen lake, as well as a skating rink, ice bar and hot beverages tent, local food tasting provided by Rhubarb and Bonnie View, and music by Russell Red Records. /SUE TIFFIN Staff



Frost invites brave souls to take the plunge

JENN WATT

Editor

Perhaps it's the prospect of an icy cold plunge that brings people together; maybe it's the charities the Polar Bear Challenge benefits. Or it could be the thrill of casting off winter coats and boots in the middle of February and charging headlong into Head Lake.

Whatever the motivation, each of the last seven years, dozens of people have signed up to participate in the Haliburton and District Lions Club's fundraiser for Sick-Kids Garron Family Cancer Centre and Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation, raising more than \$45,000 between the two.

This year's event takes place during Haliburton's Frost Festival on Saturday, Feb. 16.

Jim Frost, one of the Polar Bear Challenge's organizers, said the event brings out silly antics and also touching stories.

"The second year we had the event, I had a call from

a gentleman in Cambridge and he had heard about our event. He had been taking his boy to SickKids for years and he wanted to be part of it," he said. The man's friend cottaged in the Highlands, so he came up to take part.

Last year, a group of friends and family came together to honour the life of Phoenix Acero, who died in 2017. Their team gathered the most pledges for charity.

Prizes are given out for best costume (individuals and teams) and most pledges (individuals and teams), donated by Sir Sam's Ski and Ride, McKecks, Just Wine and Beer, Maple Avenue Restaurant, and Haliburton Home Hardware.

To give polar participants a place to prepare for their brave descent into frigid water, Haliburton Timber Mart donates the use of two sheds, which are brought in on a flatbed truck the day before. The sheds are heated and give participants a place to get ready and also somewhere to dash into once they're out of the water.

Mike Iles of the Haliburton Fire Department is in charge of organizing firefighters, who help keep everyone safe.

"He goes early in the morning and they clear the beach

area and put carpet down to make the footing secure. He sets that up and makes sure the ice is clear," Frost said.

Algonquin Highlands firefighters bring their water rescue equipment and are on hand, giving participants comfort that there is help available if needed.

"We think this is great of them to do that," Frost said.

New this year, all participants will receive a T-shirt that reads "I survived the Haliburton Lions Club's polar bear challenge." The shirts are sponsored by Curry Chevrolet Buick GMC Ltd. and Emmerson Lumber.

"Nobody's out of pocket," Frost said. "It doesn't affect the money going to SickKids [or HHHSF]. Every dollar collected goes to those hospitals."

To join in the fun, pick up a pledge form at Cranberry Cottage, Haliburton Foodland, Todd's Independent Grocers, West Guilford Shopping Centre or go online to haliburtonlions.com.

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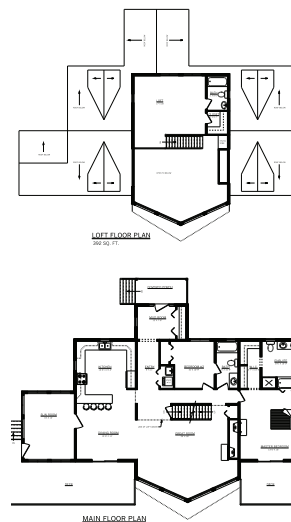
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Finnish Lapphunds race around Little Redstone

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Lapphund love was on full display with the second annual Ontario Finnish Lapphund Sledding on Jan.26 at Little Redstone Lake

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Chop or cut
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- 7. Male parent
- 10. Doctors' group
- 11. Ottoman military commander
- 12. A metal-bearing natural material
- 13. Lively ballroom dance
- 15. Male Gypsy
- 16. Once-popular card game
- 19. Occurred just once
- 21. __ Streisand, singer
- 23. Shiny yellow minerals
- 24. Get hitched again
- 25. See (Latin)
- 26. Lies between the Caspian and Persian Gulf
- 27. Scourges
- 30. Sentence
- 34. Supervises flying
- 35. Bar bill
- 36. Alfalfa
- 41. Type of dishwasher soap
- 45. Witnesses
- 46. Ancient Italian-Greek colony
- 47. Newspapers need them

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Czech monetary unit
- 2. Able to arouse feeling
- 3. Elk
- 4. Muscular weaknesses
- 5. Earlier
- 6. Lightweight fabric
- 7. One who greets
- 8. Soldiers sometimes wear one
- 9. Officially prohibit
- 13. US political party
- 14. Used of a number or amount not specified
- 17. Make a mistake

- 18. Biopic starring Jamie Foxx
 - 20. Ancient Media inhabitant
 - 22. About aviation
 - 27. Popular American sports league
 - 28. Cologne
 - 29. Partner to cheese
 - 31. When you'll get there
 - 32. Not pleased
 - 33. One point east (clockwise) of due north
 - 37. Respects
 - 38. Shake up
 - 39. Ethiopian river
 - 40. Intrinsic nature of something
 - 41. Principal parts of the brain
 - 42. Brews
 - 43. Where ships dock
 - 44. One who wassails
 - 47. Shock treatment
 - 48. Popular average
 - 49. Things
 - 51. A type of "bear"
 - 52. Utilize
 - 53. European Economic Community
 - 58. Swiss river
- Answers on page 22

The training event drew 23 participants with their 18 Finnish Lapphunds, also known as Lappies, including three Samoyed lead dogs (five dogs observing) with their owners. The participants came from around Ontario and a few from the U.S. (Syracuse, New York and Kingston, New Jersey).

Full-time Little Redstone Lake residents Shirley and Ted Rule hosted the event along with neighbours Karen and Kent Hutchings and Carolyn Trenton.

Ted Rule was happy about the event. "Although a little chilly at -24 Celsius in the morning, it did warm up to a balmy -14 Celsius by afternoon with beautiful blue sky and lots of sun. We groomed a trail on the lake in front of our home with our snow machines the day before and were out on the lake sledding by 11 a.m. on the Saturday ... going right through to 5 p.m. with an hour break in the middle for lunch and a few refreshments," he wrote in an email.

The dogs, which were organized into two-, four-, and six-dog teams, were receiving a racing experience on a half a mile oval track. They completed various laps.

Rule credited Terri Giffin with organizing the food for the large group. "These are all show dogs, most in fact, so 'keeping the peace' by organizing who could mix with whom was a challenge, but handled expertly by all concerned," he said.

They were four Canadian Kennel Club grand champions, four CKC champions and five American Kennel Club champions in the category of conformation, including awards for the disciplines such as herding, chase, discing, rapping and agility among others.

"Everything went like clockwork and there were a lot of smiling faces and

happy Lappies," he said.

Rule said the Lapphund is a breed that originates from Northern Finland. They are traditionally used for reindeer herding and records of the breed's existence go back 7,000 years. "They are a herding breed, of the spitz dog variety weighing 32 to 50 pounds ... a wonderful temperament and extremely intelligent. In addition to herding they are also very capable in agility, rapping, chase, discing, dock diving and can be trained as support dogs. The breed has a very dense double coat which is waterproof, which permits them to be left [outside all the time] in the coldest of climates and the worst of weather conditions. There are only approximately 400 Lappies in Canada and just over 1,000 in the USA, although they are very quickly becoming popular because of their wonderful temperament, intelligence, and their loving nature," he said.

Ted and Shirley started the event last year because they wanted to host an event for "our Lappy owner family within striking distance."

It included 13 lapphund dogs and was held on March 23 on the lake. Peter Cundle, sledding manager with Haliburton Forest, acted as outfitter, providing one staff member and equipment such as a sled and a couple of their lead dogs.

This year's event was organized without the assistance by Winterdance and Cundle because it's their busiest time of year. Organizers chose to move the event to the end of January to take advantage of favourable winter conditions. Assisting with outfitting for the Samoyed sleddogs was Diane Geitzenauer, an experienced dogsledder, who assisted Winterdance's Hank DeBruin and his team in the Yukon Quest in 2011.

All of the competitors are members of the Finnish Lapphund Club of Canada.



Competitor Lori Rule of Oshawa drives a sled with four Finnish Lapphunds during the Finnish Lapphund Sledding Weekend on Saturday, Jan. 26 at Little Redstone Lake. /Submitted by Ted Rule.

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Cadets recognized with Strathcona award

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Winning the Lord Strathcona Trophy confirms great things are happening with The Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment 1129 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps – Haliburton.

Named after Lord Strathcona, a Scottish-born Canadian philanthropist, the award honours the best small corps of 2018 for being "the most efficient in its class and perpetuates the solicitude of the donor for patriotism, fitness and discipline in young Canadians."

Commanding officer Dan Collings was proud of the Haliburton cadet corps and said this recognition reaffirms the program is fulfilling its ideals.

"This is particularly important to us lately as it reflects the amount of effort and programming occurring at the Haliburton Army Cadets. The award is determined by the amount of activities both in Haliburton and away that the cadets attend and on our regular attendance. We have been trying quite hard the last two years and we are now providing pipes and drums training, biathlon, marksmanship skills, mountain biking, and orienteering programs right here in Haliburton," he said in a prepared statement.

The cadet program is a national program for Canadian boys and girls aged 12 to 18.

It includes the Royal Canadian Sea Cadets, the Royal Canadian Army Cadets and the Royal Canadian Air Cadets.

Cadets are not members of the Canadian Armed Forces and have no obligation to join.

"Cadets are encouraged to become active, responsible members of their communities. They make valuable contributions to Canadian society on a daily basis in terms of environmental, citizenship and community activities," the cadets website reads.

The local club has 15 cadets from 12 to 16, who come from all around the Highlands.

They are provided a diverse range of opportunities including the expected marching, marksmanship and adventure experiences, playing instruments, mountain biking, trail running, snowshoeing and biathlon (Nordic skiing and range shooting).

The Legion in Haliburton where the cadets meet is close to venues for biking and Nordic skiing.

Besides the obvious physical benefits, these activities provide opportunities to develop focus, test personal levels of mental fortitude, and improve self-esteem.

Collings was proud to see representatives from sponsors and supporters from the Minden and District Lions Club, and the Legions of Minden, Haliburton, Wilberforce and Cardiff during the trophy presentation.

The award is also a credit to the zone training officer captain France Lachapelle, who provides support and understands the challenges that face cadet corps in rural areas, the partnerships with the Haliburton Highlands Nordic Ski Club, the Haliburton Mountain Bike Club, and vol-

unteers, who are part of the Army Cadet League.

The cadets' program in Haliburton County continues to grow, as canoeing and rock climbing are expected to be added in the future.

Collings said the corps' score was very

strong relative to the others and was in the "90 percentile."

"We are extremely pleased to be recognized for the hard work and dedication of the cadets and staff in Haliburton," he said.



The Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment 1129 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps - Haliburton received the Lord Strathcona Trophy on Jan. 29 at the Royal Canadian Legion. The Highlands-based corps earned the award by being the "most efficient in its class and perpetuates the solicitude of the donor for patriotism, fitness and discipline in young Canadians." From left, Lieutenant Greg Powell, Captain France Lachapelle, the zone training officer; Max Ward, volunteer of the Army Cadet League; Tyler McGovern, Laren Main, Emily Austin-Ward, Ben Rutter, AJ Powell, Myles Sharp, Nick Phippen, Devonte Casey-Palmer, Dane Reus, Lily Austin-Ward, Jakob Bull, Captain Dan Collings, who is the cadets' commanding officer; and Lieutenant Stuart Humphries. Absent for the photo due to exams were cadets Tamara Bellefueille, Corin Gervais, Aiden Hill and Kennedy McCracken. /Submitted by Stuart Humphries

minor hockey

Midget girls

On Saturday evening, the Bancroft IDA/Park View Dental Midget Girls Jets team travelled to Peterborough to play the Ice Kats for the start of the playoffs. The Jets played a hard, fast paced game exchanging opportunities from end to end against their rivals. Unfortunately, despite all of their efforts and determination they lost 2-0. One of the goals was an empty netter near the very end of the game.

On Sunday afternoon, the Jets hosted the Ice Kats for their second playoff game and came out on top, winning 1-0.

Victoria Shpikula got the rebound from a shot from defensive teammate, Natalie Hunter, and with a wicked wrist shot put the puck blocker side. The series is tied at two points each. We wish the girls the best of luck as they travel to Peterborough this Wednesday for Game 3.

By Linda Goulet

Novice

The Haliburton TimberMart/Haliburton Hockey Haven Sports Camp Novice reps dominated the first two games of their quarter-final matchup against the Shelburne Wolves. Storm's right winger Henry Neilson was on fire in Game 1, scoring five of the seven Storm goals during Saturday home game. Evan Perrott and Issac Trotter got a goal each. Assisting the scorers were Matthew Scheffee with six, Jaxen Casey and Trotter with two and Luke Gruppe, Ethan DeCarlo and Neilson each with one. Game 1 ended with the Storm winning 7-1. Game 2 in Shelburne on Sunday was just as exciting. Max Rupnow with the help of Gruppe and Perrott opened up the scoring with a beauty backhand goal late in the first. During the final shift of the period Casey made multiple great defensive plays and kept the puck from reaching Storm goaltender Carter

Braun. Early in the second, Perrott passed the puck to Gruppe who from a near impossible angle lobbed it up and over the Shelburne goaltender to make it 2-0. Using his great face-off skills Rupnow won a draw resulting in a scramble in front of the net where Gruppe jammed it in. With less than a minute left in the second Trotter tried to go high on the Wolves goaltender but a big save was made. First face-off of the third Trotter gets the puck to Scheffee who puts it on net and Neilson picked up the rebound to make it 4-0. An unfortunate communication mix up between Storm players resulted in the Wolves' lone goal. The Storm take the game 4-1. Throughout both games the Storm worked hard to kill multiple penalty minutes, played well both offensively and defensively and put many shots on net. Shelburne will travel to Minden on Saturday, Feb. 16 for a 12:30 game where the Storm can take the series.

By Jessica Tomlinson

Atom

After having a rare weekend off the Ridgewood Ford and Cottage Country Building Supplies Atom rep team opened up its second round playoff series in Shelburne against the waiting Wolves. The first was off to a heated start and the Highland Storm Atoms kept the play moving away from their net resulting in a hard-fought first goal in the blue paint. The goal was scored by Josh Scheffee and assisted by Liam Harrison and Evan Jones. Once again Storm netminder Chase Winder stood on his head for the team stopping a barrage of shots throughout the game. A late third period goal by McLean Rowden assisted by Parker Simms and Josh Scheffee came as a welcome addition to the effort however it was not enough to match the Wolves scoring who managed to build

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a 4-2 lead which would be our final score to end this, the first game of the series. The Storm Atom rep team is back in action this upcoming Saturday at S.G. Nesbitt Arena at 2 p.m.

By Pasi Posti

Peewee A

On Feb. 8 JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports/Haliburton Family Medical Centre Highland Storm Peewee A travelled to Oshawa to face the Durham Crusaders in Game 6. They dominated this game with a 5-0 win. Goals were scored by Addison St Cyr, Colby Coumbs and Austin Boylan. A huge shout out to Ethan Dobson for his second shutout of this series. The Peewee A's won the first series and moved on to the quarter finals.

On Sunday, Feb. 10, the JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports/Haliburton Family Medical Centre Highland Storm Peewee A had to travel to Shelburne to face the Shelburne Wolves in Game 1 of the quarter finals. The first period had a goal by Shelburne late in the period. However at the beginning of the second Addison St Cyr scores a beauty unassisted goal to tie the game. A minute after Copper Coles scored a goal, assisted by St Cyr and Mak Prentice. And to end the second period Cheyenne Degeer scored, assisted by Coles and St Cyr. Unfortunately the third period was all Shelburne. They scored two goals early in the period to tie the game. With four minutes left Prentice scored after a pass from St Cyr, to put Storm in the lead, but Shelburne answered shortly after to tie the game and put the game into overtime. Overtime lasted three minutes. The goal was scored by Austin Boylan after receiving a beautiful pass from Kadin Card. The final score was a 5-4 win for the Storm.

JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports/Haliburton Family Medical Centre Highland Storm Peewee A next game is on Feb. 14 at 7 p.m. in Minden at the S.G Nesbitt Arena.

By Amber Card

Bantam

On Saturday, Feb. 9 the Peppermill Steak and Pasta House/Dollo's Foodland Highland Storm Bantams travelled to Shelburne to play Game 3 in their play-down series. The Storm hit the ice strong and fierce giving everything they could but the Wolves scored on a power play at the end of the first to take a 1-0 lead. In the second the Storm battled back with a goal by Dylan Keefer unassisted to tie it up but the Wolves came right back to regain a one goal lead less than a minute later. With both teams determined to win for different reasons the action was intense back and forth hockey. Storm goalie Darian Maddock was outstanding in the pipes keeping his team within reach. As time winded down and the pressure was on the Storm bench called a timeout at 59 seconds left in the third. The boys regrouped and headed out for the final push. The Storm took control and pulled the goalie for the extra attacker. With Kyan Hall battling behind the net he managed to tap it out front to Nick Phippen who buries it in to tie the game with 22 seconds left. As the clock wound down the buzzer rang and we were headed for a 10 minute overtime. The Storm were giving everything they could to try to bring the series back to Haliburton for Game 4 but with six seconds left the Wolves scored and the Bantams season ended. Thanks for a great season Bantams you guys were great!

By Lisa Delisle

Midgets

The Highlander and Ed Smolen Family Dentistry Storm Midgets continue with the second round of playoffs against the Stayner Cyclones. They headed to Stayner for Game 2, Saturday Feb. 9, and brought home a 2-0 shutout victory. It was a slow start for both teams, with scoreless first and second periods. The Storm team picked up the pace and went on the attack midway through the third. MacNaull's hard work and determination kept the puck in the Cyclones' end, he passed it to Walker and he snapped in the first goal. Seconds later, the Cyclones still stunned, Storm on the attack, Haedicke picked up a pass from Morissette and snapped it in. That ended the game and gave Sisson a well earned 2-0 shutout. Next day, they met with the Cyclones in Haliburton for Game 3, a do or die game for the Cyclones. This game was action packed from the start. Both teams working aggressively hard. Cyclones got lucky with a screen-shot late in the first. Shortly after, the Cyclones got a breakaway and made it 2-0. The second period was filled with penalty minutes. Late in the second the Storm took advantage of a power play, Walker passed it over the Smith and he top cornered the first Storm goal. That ended the second period 2-1. The Storm came out strong in the third period, dominating the game. Walker worked hard to hold the line and made a pass to Gilbert, he snapped it in to tie the game 2-2. The end to end action continued, however it was the Cyclones that scored next. The Storm team did their best but folded 3-2. That puts the series at 2-1 for the Storm Midgets.

By Suzanne Haedicke

Novice 2 LL

The Dewayen Simms Construction LL

Novice 2 travelled to Huntsville on Sunday, Feb. 10 to battle the Huntsville Davicor.

The Storm started off slow and were down 2-0 at the end of the first.

They kicked things up in the second and had many chances but just couldn't sneak one past the Davicor goalie. Davicor was able to sneak another in halfway through the second making the score 3-0. But with a minute and a half left, Mason Latanville put Storm on the scoreboard!

Forty seconds into the third Davicor snuck another in making the score 4-1. Latanville answered back with not one but two more goals, earning himself another hat trick this season! The Storm wasn't done there. With lots of back and forth action the Storm was able to tie the game up, as McCartney Saunders buried one. Next up was Layla Degeer as she landed the game winner into the net! Final score 5-4 Storm.

The LL Novice 2 is back in action on Saturday Feb. 16 as they travel to Bracebridge to take on the South Muskoka Envotek at 9 a.m.

By Stephanie Harrison

Peewee 1 LL

The Walkers Home Hardware Peewee Storm LL took on the South Muskoka on Sunday in Minden. The Bears opened the scoring at the six minute mark. Storm's Alex Hendry evened the scoring assisted by Weston Bowker at the two minute mark. The Bears came ahead by one before the end of the first period. Bears scored again one minute into the second but Storm took charge and tied game with two unassisted goals by Hendry and # 19 Wyatt Raposo. Bears scored again in third at the three minute mark and Storm sealed the win with Hendry scoring a hattie assisted

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by #10 Emery Bagshaw and Bowker scoring with 20 seconds left assisted by Nathan Harrison and Mikayla Sisson. Storm took the win 5-4! Walkers Peewee #1 team travels to Burk's Falls Saturday, Feb. 16 to play the Amalguin Ice Devils

By Marita Bagshaw

Tykes

The Tom Prentice and Sons and Walker's Heating and Cooling Highland Storm Tyke took on the Huntsville Otters this past weekend. These teams battled back and forth for throughout the entire game. Nixon Ecclestone led his team to victory with a final score of 7-6! The Tykes will participate in the Bernie Nichols Round Robin this weekend in Haliburton come out and cheer them on!

By Marita Bagshaw

Novice LL

On Saturday, Feb. 9, Brightwoods Landscaping Highland Storm Novice LL team took on Dwayne Simms Construction Highland Storm Novice LL team. Brightwoods started out slow and quickly found themselves down 2-0. The first goal came from Cole Morrison assisted by Lyla Degeer and Mason Latanville. The second was scored by Latanville assisted by Caleb Graves.

Brightwoods Brody Hartwig answered back late in the first period assisted by Zach Prentice and Hawksley Dobbins. The second and third period saw end to end action with great defence on both sides. Hartwig went on to score four more unassisted goals for Brightwoods. Maccartney Saunders added one more to Simms Construction in the third with assists going to Degeer and Colten Simms but it wasn't enough and the Final Score ended 5-3 for Brightwoods.

On Sunday Feb.10, Brightwoods Landscaping Highland Storm Novice LL team

played their last game of the regular season against Near North Huntsville. Late in the first period Storm opened the scoring with Benton Lloyd getting his first goal of the season assisted by Brody Hartwig and Vincenzo Condro. Midway through the second, Hartwig landed his first with his awesome stick handling skills.

Third period Hunter Hamilton rushed the puck end to end to go five hole and find the back of the net.

Hartwig finished the third with two more goals to complete his hat trick. Assists going to Matthew Fairey, Hawksley Dobbins, Oakley Craftchick, Lloyd and Hamilton. Final score 5-0. Coaching staff are extremely pleased with the hard work and effort each and every player showed this weekend winning back to back games ending their regular season with a 9-6-1 record.

By Cheryl Smith

Atom LL

On Saturday the GJ Burtch LL Atoms hosted the South Muskoka Middaugh Masonry Atoms, at the S.G Nesbitt arena in Minden. In an exciting first period that saw chances traded at both ends of the rink, it was South Muskoka that struck first in the final minute of the first.

Although South Muskoka would win the opening faceoff to start the second, Isaac Borgdorff quickly stripped the puck drove the net and buried the puck tying it at one, just eight seconds in. That goal seemed to ignite the Storm as they began to swarm the South Muskoka net. All the hard work paid off late in the second, Taylor Mulock pounced on a rebound to make it 2-1, assist to Eric Mueller. Then with just over a minute left in the period Jacob Davis got Brody Hartwig the puck who made no mistakes as he raced up the rink making it 3-1 to end the second.

In the third it was Hartwig's relentless pursuit of the puck that led to a South Muskoka turnover, and Hartwig broke

away making it 4-1 Storm.

Jacob Mantle had another solid game blocking shots, patrolling the blue line and his ability to find the open man set Hartwig up for his third of the game. Jacob Davis earned himself the hard hat, rebounding after having the wind knocked out of him. Minutes later he would return to the ice, back-check retrieve the puck, earning an assist late in the second. Excellent effort. Final 5-1. Next up the Storm has Family Day weekend off before closing out the regular season on Feb. 23 in Minden against South Muskoka Wes Finch.

By Jamie Lloyd

Atom 2 LL

With our final game upon us the LL Atom #2 TD Canada Trust where hosted in Huntsville against the Huntsville McDonald's this past weekend.

Our Storm players knew they had to keep their heads up and play hard. As our defence were skating hard to keep the puck in Huntsville's end however, they opened up the scoring. During the second period Brian Robichaud and Zach Lowe put on a good display of scrambling and awesome goaltending but Huntsville were able to add another goal. With tons of shots being robbed by either Huntsville's goaltender or the posts the TD Canada Trust refused to give up which resulted in Logan Burke passing a beauty shot up to an open Kamauhl Cassey-Russel to score our first and only goal.

It was a great season for the Atoms TD Canada Trust. The Atoms will finish up their year in a few weekends when they attend the year end tournament in South Muskoka.

By Chris McMartin

Midget LL

Last Thursday the Pharmasave LL Midget Highland Storm played rivals Highland Storm Total Site Services for their third meeting of the season. Sam

Hoenow opened the scoring for Pharmasave on a lovely two on one using teammate Brenden Newhook as a decoy. Total Site Services tied the game early in the second when a player was left wide open in front of Nate Miscio who had no chance stopping the puck. Total Services took the lead for the first time stealing the puck in the neutral zone and scoring on a pretty bar down wrist shot. Paul Turner tied the game near the end of the period after some strong forechecking by Pharmasave. Jake Sisson gave Pharmasave the lead once and for all early in the third period. Brody Prentice with his first of the season and another by Brenden Newhook sent Pharmasave off to a solid 5-3 win and remaining unbeaten against the Total Services team.

By Gord Hoenow

Peewee LL

On Saturday morning the Highland Storm LL Canadian Tire Peewee Team faced off against Parry Sound Gibson H&C in Gravenhurst. The Storm players were battling it out all game but Parry Sound had the upper hand. Carson Simms did everything he could to stop the shots on goal but Parry Sound came strong. The Highland Storm Canadian Tire Peewees lost with a score of 5-1. On Sunday afternoon the Highland Storm Canadian Tire Peewees travelled to Huntsville to face off against the Huntsville Bears Main Street Dental Team. This game was a back and forth goal scoring game. Highland Storm had two goals scored by Jamie Crowe and Faysal Wiso but the Huntsville Bears came back and won the game 3-2. This was a great game with strong team effort from all players. The Highland Storm LL Canadian Tire Peewee Team plays their next game on Feb. 23 in Gravenhurst at 12:30 p.m. against the Parry Sound Harry No Frills team.

By Shawn Guild

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Date: Saturday, Feb. 16
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CFUW Guest Speaker: Cara Steele

When: Thursday, Feb. 21, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Where: Abbey Gardens
Cara Steele will be speaking at the Canadian Federation of University Women Haliburton Highlands meeting. She will be highlighting the new developments at Abbey Gardens and will talk about future ideas including specifics about the Abbey Retreat Centre. Presentation begins at 1:40 and runs to 2:40 p.m. after which Heather will be offering a snowshoe hike for those interested. All women who are considering becoming a CFUW member are welcome to join us.
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Hoping the groundhog was right

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Hilda Clark
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Weather has again been quite varied. Very blustery winds blowing snow fiercely last Friday changed to cold but sunny Saturday and Sunday. Can't recall but sure hope the groundhogs did not see their shadows earlier this month. (Editor's note: Wiarton Willie has predicted

an early spring.)
Many in the area have been saddened by the death of a good friend.
James (Jim) Saunders grew up in Wilberforce son of Albert and Ethel Saunders. Employment opportunities took him away from this area. He and his wife Mina lived and raised their family in Millbrook and retired back in Wilberforce. He took part in several Loop Troupe productions. Jim had been unwell for some time before his recent death. Sympathy is extended to Mina and their family, to his sister Mary Harnden, and his many friends. Funeral service took place in Millbrook with spring interment at the Wilberforce cemetery.
The local curling club was a busy spot last Friday evening and Saturday. The annual popular women's bonspiel was greatly enjoyed. More on this next time.



Snowmobile winner

Scott Charity (seated) celebrated the end of his day taking in the 30th annual Haliburton Forest Poker Run and collecting tokens at trail stops with (left to right) Jen Naagel, Lee Poyser and Steve "Stretch" Charity on the snowmobile he won by exchanging the tokens for cards and then drawing the highest poker hand. The fun Feb. 9 event brought almost 500 people to the Forest and raised \$15,000 for the Haliburton Firefighters Association.
/SUE TIFFIN Staff



Boys volleyball team plays tournament

The J.Douglas Hodgson Jaguars played in the Division A 2019 County Intermediate Boys Volleyball tournament at Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden on Jan.29.
"The boys did pretty well," said coach Blake Paton. "We were in a pool of three teams and played a round robin. We won convincingly against Woodville P.S., and lost two tight games against MacCauley P.S. before meeting the squad from Fenelon Township P.S. in the semi-finals. They were the eventual tournament winners and we lost to them in two sets."
Team members are: Mathias Lee, Ethan Dobson, Evan Armstrong, Cooper Lloyd, Matthew Wilson, Aiden Perrott, Avery Degeer, Kyan Hall, Lucas Penney, Owen Nichols, Riley Cooney, Spencer Bowker and Cooper Coles. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

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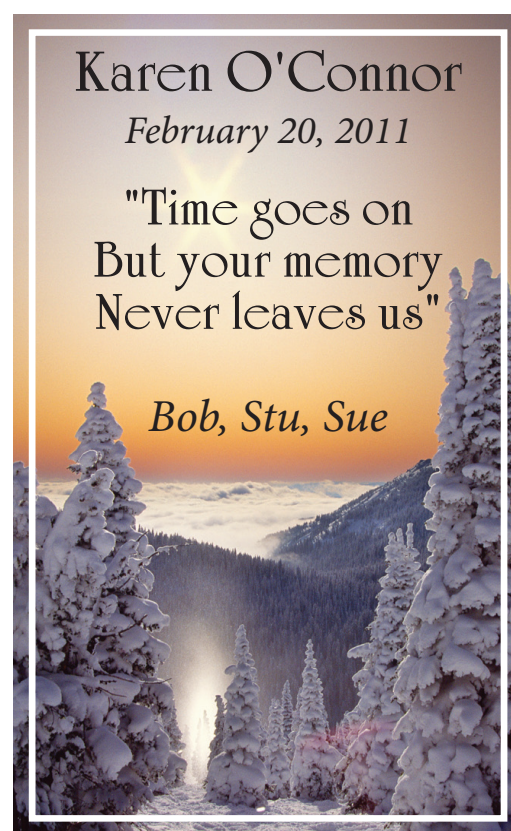
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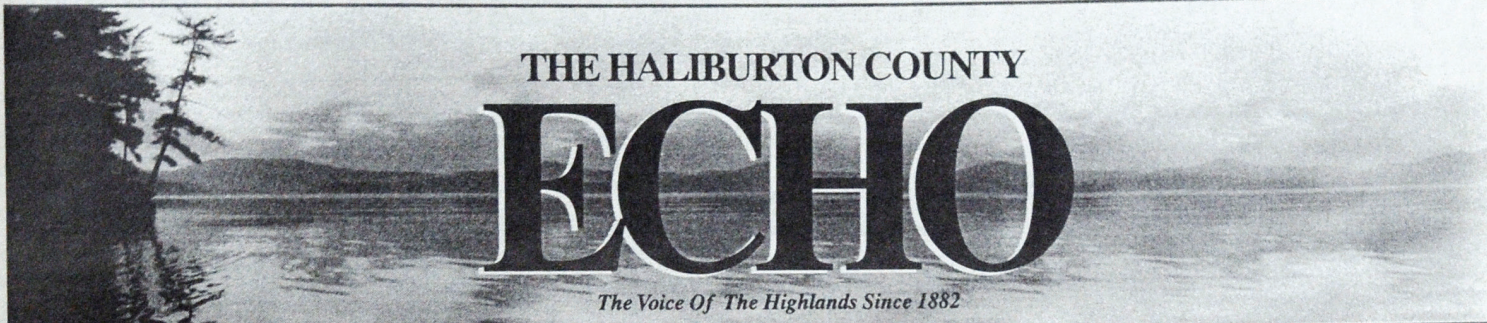
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Barber report says councils can trim up to \$1.25-million

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

There's "no compelling justification" for Haliburton County to restructure its government system, says a consultant, who believes municipal politicians can slash at least \$1.25-million from their spending.

By increasing their efficiency and sharing more services, municipalities should be able to convince the province there's no advantage to them amalgamating, says David Barber.

The county paid Barber's consulting company \$15,000 to examine each municipality's financial books in a line-by-line search for savings.

After a county report ruled against moving to a one-tier system, politicians wanted an outside specialist to help determine whether they could justify maintaining two levels of government.

Last week Barber delivered his report at a meeting attended by nearly all members of the county's 10 municipal councils.

"The whole thrust of this (provincial) government is to see that services are delivered more efficiently," he reminded the politicians. "One of the chief ways they want to do that is through amalgamating municipalities ... In this study I believe we've come up with another

option."

Barber recommends the county's two-tier system — 10 municipal councils and a county council — stay intact. But he says they should become more interdependent, cutting duplication where possible and sharing more services.

He also suggests that municipalities can greatly reduce their costs by setting common levels of spending — benchmarks — for all major functions and striving to meet them.

If councils stick to the benchmarks Barber's report sets for road maintenance, general government expenditures and other costs, they could save up to \$1.25-million, he said.

And if they develop benchmarks for all of their expenditures, municipalities should be able to reduce their spending even further.

"There are some really significant savings to be had here," he said.

Barber selected spending benchmarks by looking at how much it cost each municipality to perform various functions and setting a level slightly higher than the lowest price for each service.

For example, the report found municipalities spent between \$80 per household (in Dysart) and \$450 per household (in

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SNOW FUN!

The Snowfest activities on Head Lake during the weekend, attracted hundreds of snowmobilers, but it was also very much a family affair. At left, snowmobilers line up to test their speed on the radar run while above, two-year-old Victoria Etheridge of Maple Lake wishes she could take a run at it too. More photos page 8

Hospital cuts are twice the amount expected

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

As it begins planning for its next fiscal year, the healthcare board is going to have to cope with a grant cut which is twice as big as expected.

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Foster Loucks, the executive director of Haliburton Highlands Health Services, was notified last week that the Ministry of Health was reducing its grant by 5.3%.

Based on correspondence last spring, when the hospitals fell under the jurisdiction of St. Joseph's Health Centre in Peterborough, the board had thought the grant cut would be 2.5%.

On a budget of \$2.16-million

to run both the Haliburton and Minden Hospitals, that means a reduction of \$130,000.

"It will up the ante a lot on what we can retain in services," Foster Loucks says

"Those are real dollars that come off the top," says Loucks. "It will up the ante a lot on what we can retain in services. It will obviously put more pressure on us."

Compared to larger hospitals such as St. Joseph's, which suf-

fered a cut of 8%, and Ross Memorial Hospital at 6%, the 5.3% reduction doesn't seem as

bad "but 5.3% on a small budget is still very difficult to accommodate."

There are opportunities to make up the loss by generating revenue locally, but Loucks says "there's only so much other revenue you can generate."

Asked to give an example of what \$130,000 means to the

hospitals' budgets, Loucks says that with an average wage of \$35,000 a year, it's the equivalent of four staff positions.

At the recent HHHS board meeting, chairman Hugh Nichol stressed how imperative it was to start construction on the new facilities as early as possible. Running two small sites makes it very difficult to realize any economies of scale, he said, and the new facilities will help to alleviate some of the board's financial stress.



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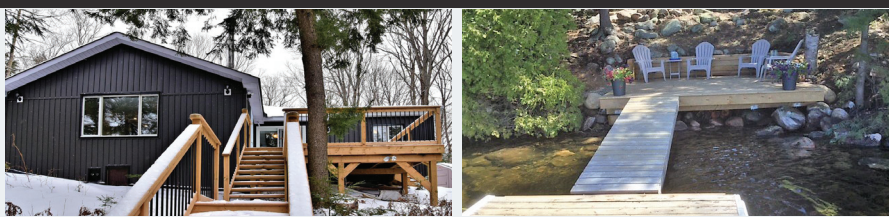
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KASHAGAWIGAMOG LAKE COTTAGE



Recently renovated 3BR, 2 Bath home or cottage. Open concept kitchen/dining/living finished with durable vinyl flooring & wood cabinetry. Beautiful view from new deck. 90 ft frontage, VERY private. N/W exposure. Large shed could be a Bunkie. Turn-key cottage!

\$595,000

MAPLE LAKE AREA HOME



3 Bedrm 1 Bath home with oversized single garage & insulated workshop. Level lot, over an acre close to West Guilford and Maple Lake. Many upgrades incl roof, septic, well and more! Great value!

\$238,500

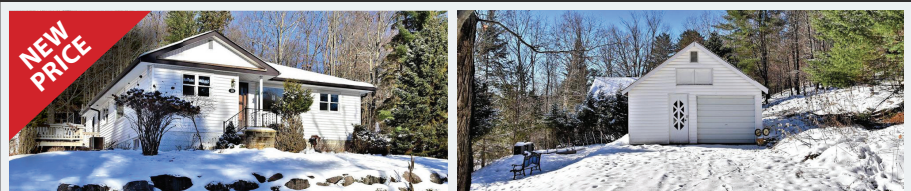
GRASS LAKE, HALIBURTON COTTAGE



Village Convenience~Country Charm! Cozy turnkey 2BR cottage plus cute log-look Bunkie! Open concept, pine finish, woodstove. Beautiful west exposure & view. Steps to waterfront, sitting deck and dock. Lake water & septic.

\$449,500

HALIBURTON VILLAGE HOME



Move-in ready 3BR on Park St in the Village. Neat as a pin! Well insulated, lots of storage space, central vac, carport and detached oversized single garage with loft. Private lot with mature trees. Walking distance to all needs.

\$279,500

CARNARVON HOME



Enjoy waterfront living on peaceful Mirror Lake. 3BR 4PC bath home with full basement & walkout to the lakeside. FAO Heat, stone woodburning fireplace and a lower level woodstove keep it toasty warm. Sunroom, 2 decks, pretty & convenient location.

\$289,000

CONTAU LAKE LOT



1.3 Acre lot, level at the road & gently sloping to quiet lake with a Crown Island and acreage across the lake. Private road, plowed, year round access. Hydro & phone available

\$179,000

WIGAMOG ROAD LOT



Excellent building lot, treed & 285 ft frontage for privacy. Minutes to Haliburton Village. Sewer hook up required for building. Great family or retirement location.

NEW PRICE \$35,900 PLUS HST.

PAUDASH LAKE PERFECT



Perfect year-round, turn key family cottage or home. Large lake, private 4 BR, 2 Bath sits at water's edge. Hard sand beach, use of 30 Acre forest across the road. Sunroom, southern view, great rentability, many upgrades & meticulously cared for.

\$649,000

Are you ready to SELL?

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